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Taxation, and releife to Prelates.

At Edinburgh, the XXVII. day of October, the yeare
of G O D, 1625. yeares.



HE ESTATES prensentlie conveened vpon good and weightie considerations, moving them, haue freely and voluntarly offred and granted vnto the Kings most excellent Majestic Our Soueraigne Lord, for supplyng of a part of the great charges and expences, which his Highnesse must bee at, for defraying of the charges of his Majesties repairing to this Kingdome, to take vpon him the imperiall Crowne of the famine, and of his Majesties other great and weightie afairs, als well at home, as abroad: A Taxation to

bee payed, collected, and vp-lifted in manner, and at the foure Tearmes following, that is to say, For the Barrons and free-holders partes of the same Taxation, thirtie shillings Scots money, to bee vp-lifted of euery pound Land of old extent within this Realme, pertaining to Earls, Lords, Barrons, free-holders, and Fewers of our Soueraigne Lords proper Lands, holden by them immediately of his Majestie, and payed by them at euery one of the foure feuerall Tearmes following, that is to say, The summe of thirtie shilling money, at the Feast and Tearme of Candlemissle nixtocoming, in the yeare of God, 1626 yeares, the summe of other thirtie shillinges money, at the Feast and Tearme of Mertimes, in the yeare of God, 1626 yeares, the summe of other thirtie shillinges money, at the Feast and Tearme of Mertimes, in the yeare of God, 1627 yeares, and the summe of other thirtie shilling money, at the Feaste and Tearme of Mertimes, in the yeare of God, 1628 yeares. And for the spirituall men, and the Burrowes parts of the same Taxation, that there shall bee vp-lifted of euery Archbishopricke, Bishopricke, Abbacie, Pryorie, and other inferiour Benefice, and of euerie free Burgh within this Realme, at

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euerie one of the saids four Tearmes payment, the just Taxation there-of, and as they haue beene accustomed to bee taxt in vnto all times by-gone: Whensoeuer the temporall Lands within this Realme, were stmented to thirtie shillinges money the pound land of olde extent: and the same Taxation to be payed at euerie one of the four seuerall Tearmes aboue-written. And for im-bringing of the spirituall mens parts of the same Taxations: Ordaines letters to be dere&t, charging all and sundrie, Archbishops. Bishops, Abbates, Pryores, as likewise, all Noble-men, and others in whose fauour the erection of any Prelacie, or other inferiour Benefice, or any part or portion thereof, bee it in Landes, Kirkes, or Teinds, or in whose fauour the Patronage of any Benefice, Kirke, or Teindes is past. And all other beneficed persons contained in the taxt Rolls: their heritable Baillies, Chamberlanes, and Factors, intromettters with their rents, & liuing personallie, or at their dwelling places: And by open Proclamation at the market crosses of the head Burrowes of the Shyrefdomes, Stewartries, or Baillaries, where the saids Prelacies, erected Lordships, and small benefices lyes, if they bee within this Kingdome, and if they bee without this Kingdome, by open Proclamation at the market crosse of Edinburgh, Peir and Shore of Leeth vpon three-score dayes warning. To make payment of that summe, that they, and euerie one of them are taxt vnto for euerie one of the saids four Tearmes payment to the Collectour generall, to bee appointed by his Majestie, for receiuing of the said whole Taxation, or to his Deputs and Officers in his Name, hauing his power to receive the same at the particular Tearmes aboue written: vnder the paine of Rebellion, and putting of them to the Horne, and if they failzie therein, at the by-passing of euerie one of the saids Tearmes, to denounce the disobeyers rebels, and put them to the Horne, and to escheit, &c.

And that the Prelates and beneficed persons, and such Noble-men, & others, in whose fauours the erections and patronages aboue written, are past for their relieve, haue letters, charging their Vassels, sub-vassels, Ladies of (terce) Conjunctfiers, Liue-renters, Fewers, Taks-men, and Pensioners to make payment of their parts of said Taxation, eachone of them (*pro rata*) according to the summe that they shall bee taxt vnto, to the saids Prelates, and other beneficed persons. And to the saides Noble-men, and others hauing power to receive the same, within twentie dayes nixt, after the charge, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denounce and escheit, and to poynde, and distrinzie: therefore as they shall thinke most expedient, Prouyding alwayes that the first Tearmes payment of the said Taxation bee euer past before the next Tearmes payment bee charged for. Alwayes declaring, that the production of sufficient Horuings against the saids Vassels, Fewers, Taks-men, and Pensioners, shall bee a relieve to the saids Prelates, Lords of erections, and beneficed persons, and shall exoner them (*pro tanto*) from payment of the said Taxation, prouyding that the same Hornings with their taxt-Rolls antenticklie made and subscriued by the saids Prelates, Lords of erections, and beneficed persons, and by their Fewers, Vassels, Taks-men, and Pensioners, in manner hereafter prescryued, containing the particular summe which each one of them are taxt vnto, bee deliuered to the Collectour of the same Taxation, within the space of three-score dayes, after euery Tearme: Other-wayes, hee shall bee no wayes oblisht to receiue the same.

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Neither shall the Prelat Lord of erection, and beneficed person be exonerated by production of the same at any time thereafter. And further, that the saids Prelats, and such Noble-men, and others, in whose fauours the erections and patronadges aboue-written, are past, and all other beneficed persons, may haue their relief of their saids Vassels, sub-Vassels, Ladies of terce, Conjunctions, Liue-renters, Fewers, Taks-men, and pensioners, to the greater ease, and lesse trouble to their saids Vassels, and others foresaids: And to the effect, that euery one proportionally may pay his parte of the said Taxation, according to the quantitie and availe of the free rent which hee hath of his benefice Landes, pensioun, Kirkes and teind sheaues pertaining to him, as well the Prelat, Lord of erection, Patron, and other beneficed persons themselues, as the fewer Taks-men, and pensioner.

It is thought expedient, statute and ordained, that the saids Prelates, and others aboue-rehearsed, euerie one of them seuerallie shall conueene his whole Fewers, Vassels, Taks-men and pensioners at the particular places heereafter designde: They are to say, The Archbishop of Saint *Andros*, at the citie of Saint *Andros*. The Archbishop of *Glasgow*, at the city of *Glasgow*. The Bishop of *Orkney*, at the towne of *Kirkwall*. The Bishop of *Cathnes*, at the towne of *Durnoch*. The Bishop of *Rosse*, at the towne of *Chnorie of Rosse*. The Bishop of *Murray*, at the towne of *Elgin*. The Bishop of *Aberdin*, at the burgh of *Aberdin*. The Bishop of *Brechin*, at the burgh *Brechin*. The Bishop of *Dunkeld*, at the towne of *Dankeld*. The Bishop of *Dumblane*, at the towne of *Dumblane*. The Bishop of *Galloway*, at the towne of *Wigtoun*. The Bishop *Argyll*, at the burgh of *Innerarie*. The Bishop of the *Tiles*, at the burgh of *Rothsay in Barc*. The Abbotte of *Iona*, at the burgh of *Innerness*. The Pryor of *Ardchattan*, at the burgh of *Innerarie*. The Abbotte of *Perne*, at the burgh of *Tayne*. The Lord of *Berlie*, at the burgh of *Innerness*. The Lord of *Kinlosse*, at the burgh of *Forres*. The Pryor, of *Pluscarden*, at the burgh of *Elgin*. The Lorde of *Deir*, at the towne of *Peterhead*. The Pryor of *Fyvie*, at the towne of *Turrefe*. The Pryor of *Monymuske*: at the town of *Monymuske*. The Lord of *Arbroth*, at the burgh of *Arbroth*. The Lord of *Scone*, at the burgh of *Perth*. The Lord of *Cowper*, at the towne of *Cowper in Angus*. The Pryor of *Refenneth*, at the burgh of *Forfare*. The Collector of the Taxation in place of the Prior of Charter-house, : the seate nowe vacand at the burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Elcho*, at the same burgh of *Perth*. The Pryor of *Straphilland*, at the Kirke of *Comirie*. The Lord of *Inchaffray*, at the burgh of *Perth*. The pryor of *Inchanhom* at the burgh of *Stirling*. The pryor of Saint *Andros*, at the citie of Saint *Andros*. The baillie of the Regalitye of *Dumfermling*, at the burgh of *Dumfermling*. The Lord of *Balmerinoch*, at the burgh of *Cowper in Fyfe*. The Lord of *Lindors*, at the burgh of *Cowper in Fyfe*. The Masters of saint Leonards College in saint *Andros*, For the Pryor of *Portmooke*, at the burgh in *Cowper in Fyfe*. The pryor of *Pittenweime*, at the burgh of *Pittenweime*. The Lord of Saint *Colmbe*, at the burgh of *Innerkeithing*. The Lord of *Culros*, at the burgh of *Culros*. The Abbotte of *Cambuskynneth*, at the burgh of *Stirling*. The Lord of *Torphechin*, at the butgh of *Lithgow*. The pryor of *Mawell*, at the burgh of *Lithgow*. The Lorde of *Halic-rud-house*, at the burgh of *Edinburgh*.

The Lorde of *New-bottle*, at the burgh of *Edinburgb*. The Pryoress of *Hadingtoun*, at the burgh of *Hadingtoun*. The Lorde of the *tein*.

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porall lands of the Pryorie of Northberwick, at the burgh of Northberwick
The Patron & Person of the Kirk of Kynnewchar, dissolved from the pryorie of
Northberwick, at the town of Elie. The Patro & Person of the Kirk of Largo, dis-
solved from Northberwick, at the towne of Largoe. The partron & person of
the Kirk of Mayboill, dissolved from Northberwick, at the towne of Mayboill.
The Patron and person of the Kirke of Logie , dissolved from Northberwick,
at the burgh of Stirling The Lord of Kelso, at the towne of Kelso. The Lord
of Coldingham , at the towne Eymouth. The Lorde of Dryburgh , at the
towne of Dryburgh. The Pryor of Eclisse , at the towne of Dunse. The
Pryor of Cald-streame, at the towne of Dunse. The Lorde of Iedburgh , at
the burgh of Iedburgh. The Lord of Melrose , at the towne of Melrose.
The Lord of Paislay , at the towne of Paislay. The Lord of Blantyre , at the
burgh of Glasgow. The Lord and Baillie of the temporall lands of Kilw-
ning, at the burgh of Irving. The Patrons and persons of the Kirkes of
Kilwynning dissolved from the Abbacie of Kilwynning , at the burgh of Ir-
ving. The Abbotte of Corsraguell, at the towne of Mayboill. The Pryor
of whithorne , at the burgh of whithorne. The Abbotte of Saülsette , at the
burgh of whithorne, The Pryor of Saint Marrie-yle, at the burgh of Kirk-
cubrigh. The Lord of Dundrennan , at the burgh of Kirkecubright. The
Lord of Glenluce , at the burgh of wigtoun. The Abbotte of Toun-g-land,
at the burgh of wigtoun. The Abbotte of Newabay, at the burgh of Dum-
fries. The Abbotte of Holie wood , at the burgh of Dumfreis. The Pryor
of Cannabie, at the burgh of Annan. The Barron and Baillie of the Bar-
tonie of Brughtoun dissolved from the Lordship of Halyrude-house , at the
burgh of Edinburgh. The heritours of the hunder pound land of the Bar-
tonie of Monkland dissolved from the Lordship of Newbottill , at the citie
of Glasgow. The Ministers of Felfurde at Aire, Scotland-well at Saint An-
dros, Peebles, at Peebles. The Patron and person of the Kirke of Dundie, dis-
solved from the Abbacie of Lundores at the burgh of Dundie, and all other
small beneficed persons at the parish Kirks of their particular benefices: And
that they conueene to the effect abouewritten vpon the third day of Januar
nixt-tosome, in the yeare of God 1626 yeares: which is declared to be
the preceise day appointed for all their Vassels, Fewers, taxs-men, and
pensionets to keepe the said meeting, and that no farder citation nor sum-
moning shall bee requisite , than the Proclamatioun and publication of
this present ACT at the Market Crosses of the head Burrowes of this Re-
alme, and heerewith it is resolued by the saids Estates, that if any Vassell,
sub-Vassell, Fewer, Taks-men , of teindes pensioner, or any other justlie
bund to make relieve to the Prelatte, Lord of erection , patron, or o-
ther beneficed person of any part of the said taxation, shall send any pro-
curator in his name sufficientlie authorized to the said meeting: the same
shall not only excuse the absence of the principall partie, but the procurator
shall bee admitted in all thinges and receiued to doe, and performe in
the distribution of the said taxation, what could or lawfullie might haue
beene done by him who sent him. It is in like manner declared, that
the Prelatte, Lord of erection, Patron , or other beneficed person impe-
ded by disease, or distracted vpon some other necessarie occasion from at-
tending that meeting, hauing his absence supplyed that day by any suf-
ficient worthie person whom hee shall appoint and authorize to that ef-
fect, shall bee als lawfull, as if hee were personallie present himselfe: and
the partie so authorized, shall bee admitted and receiued in all thinges to
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doe and performe in the distribution of the same taxation, what could or lawfullie might haue beene done by him who sent him.

It is farder statute and ordained, that at the said daye of meeting, the saids Prelattes, Lords of erections, patrons, and other beneficed persons, shall by themselues, or by their procurators, lawfullie authorized as said is. Fence and holde a Court, call by name and surname vpon euerie one of their Vassels, sub-Vassels, Fewars, taks-men of teinds, pensioners, and others oblisht to releiue them of any parte of the same taxation, and lawfull time of day beeing bidden, shall shew to their saides Vassels, Fewars, take-men, and pensioners, or their procurators compearing for them, the quantities of the taxations imposed vpon their prelacie, erected Lordship, or other benefice autenticklie subscryued by the Clerke of the same taxation: and they all at the least so many of them, as shall conueene for this effect, with one consent, shall distribut the same to bee payed by euerie man, as well by the Prelatte, Lord of erection and present possessor of small benefices, for the free rent that euery one of them hath of their prelacies, erected Lordships, & small benefices, as by the Vassell, Fewar, Taks-men, and pensioner, according to the great and small quantitie of the free rent, which euerie one them hath, either of their lands, teinds, or pensions: With certification to any of the saides persons, Fewars, Vassels, Taks-men, or pensioners, that compeareth not by themselues or their procurators, at the day and places aboue-specified to the effect foresaid. That such as shall conueene with the saids Prelats, Lords of erections, patrons and other beneficed persons, or their procurators, shall proceede in the equall distribution of the same taxation, as well amongst them that are absent as present, and shall make and subscryue an autenticke taxt roll therevpon: And incase that none of the saids Vassels, Fewars taks-men, and pensioners shall conueene at the daye and places aboue-specified, to this effect by themselues, or their procurators, but shall wilfullie absent themselues from the said meeting: It shall bee lawfull for the saids prelates, Lordes of erections, patrons, and other beneficed persons, beeing, present by themselues, or their procurators, at the day and places aboue-specified: To make, sette downe, and subscryue the same taxt-roll, and incase any of the saides prelates, Lords of erections, patrons, or other beneficed persons, shall not conueene by themselues, or by their procurators at the day and places aboue-specified particularlie designde to euerie one of them. It shall bee lawfull for the saids Vassels, Fewars taks-men, and pensioners at the least so many of them as shall conueene by themselues or their procurators: to make, set downe, and subscryue the saide taxt-roll, which taxt-roll shall containe the particular summe that euerie one shall bee found justlie to bee adebted to pay, the parties name adebted to pay the same, and the cause wherefore the same ought to be payed: And beeing so sette downe either by the prelate, Lorde of erection, patron, and other beneficed person, or their lawfull procurators, with so many of their Vassels, sub-vassels, Fewars, taks-men of teindes, pensioners, and others oblisht to releiue them of any parte of the same taxation, as shall conueene with them to this effect. And incase that none shall conueene with them, the same roll beeing then sette downe by the prelate, Lord of erection, patron, or other beneficed person, or their lawfull procurators: Or incase of their absence, beeing set downe,

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made and subscryued by the mooste parte of the saides Vassels, Fewars taks-men, and pensioners, as by themselues, or their procurators shall conveene themselues, for this effect.

The saides Estates decerns to bee als lawfull in all respectes, as if the whole number of persons haing entresse therein, had conueened, made sette downe and subscryued: the same which taxt-roll being so sette downe, made and subscryued in manner aboue-written (and no otherwise) and deliuered to the Clerke of the taxation.

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The saids Estates ordaines him to giue warrand for giuing of letters of reliefe therepon, discharging him in any case to giue warrand for giuing of letter of reliefe vpon any roll presented vnto him, not made and autenticklie subscryued in forme aboue-written. As hee will answere to the contrarie vpon his perrill.

It is likewise statute and ordained, that taks-men of teindes shall haue reliefe vpon their sub-taks-men (*pro tanto*) respect being had to the gair-some, payed by the saides sub-taks-men. And for imbring of the Barrous and free-holders parrs of the same taxation, and of the Fewars, and rentallers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, their parts thereof, ordaines letters to bee direct, charging all and sundrie Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies their Deputs and Clerkes, Fewars Chamberlanes, and receiuers of our Soueraigne Lordes proper landes, that they and euerie one of them within the boundes of their offices, raise and vplift the summe of thirtie shillings money of this Realme of euerie pound land of olde extent, lying within the bounds of their jurisdictions, for euerie one of the four Tearmes aboue-specified, and inbring and deliuere the same vnto the Collector foresaid, or to his Deputs and Officers in his name, hauing his power to receive the same at the particular tearmes aboue-specified, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c.

And if they failzie at the by-passing of euerie one of the saids tearmes to denunce and eschaet, &c. And for their reliefe, that letters be direct, charging all and sundrie Earles, Lords, Barrons, Free-holders, Fewars, and Rentallers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, personallie, or at their dwelling places: and by open proclamatioun at the Market Crosse of the head burgh of the Shyrrefdome, Stewartrie, or Baillerie, where their lands lyes, if they bee within this Kingdome, And if they be without this Kingdome, by open proclamation at the Market Crosse of Edinburgh, Shore, and Peire of Leith, vpon threescore dayes warning: to make payment to the saids Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, their Deputes and Clerkes, Chamberlanes, and receiuers of our Soueraigne Lords proper landes, euery one of them for their owne parts (*respective*) of the said summe of thirtie shillinges money foresaid, for euerie pound land of olde extent pertaining to them, for euery one of the saides four tearmes payment, within twentie dayes nixt after they be charged thereto, vnder the paine of Rebellion, &c. And if they failzie, to denunce and esceat, &c. And if neede beis that the said Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, their Deputes and Clerkes, Chamberlanes and receiuers of our Soueraigne Lords proper lands, poynd and distrinzie the readiest goods and greir beeing vpon the saids lands, therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient: And that the saids Earles, Lords, Barrons, Freeholders, Fewars, and Rentallers of our Soueraignes Lords proper landes, haue letters for their

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their releife, to charge their Vassels, sub-Vassels, Ladies of thair conjuncti-
fiers, and liuerenters, to make payment of their partes of the said Taxa-
tion, within twentie dayes nixtafter the charge: vnder the paine of Re-
bellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And if need
beis that they poynde and distrenzie, prouyding awayes that the first
Tearmes payment of the saide Taxation bee euer past before the nixt
tearme, be charged for. And for introing of the Burrowes part of the
same Taxation: Ordeaines letters to be direct, charging the Prouest and
Baillies of each Burgh, to make payment of the taxt and stent thereof to
the Collector generall foresaide, his Deputs, and Officers in his name ha-
ving his power to receiue the same at the particular tearmes aboue spe-
cified: vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce &
escheat, &c. And for their releife that letters bee direct, charging the
Prouest, Baillies, and Counsell of each burgh, to conuene and elect cer-
taine persons, to stent their neighbours: And the saide election beeing
made to charge the persons elected, to accept the charge vpon them, in set-
ting of the said stent vpon the inhabitants of euerie burgh: And to con-
veene and sett the same, and make a stent roll therevpon as affirs:
Within twentie fourre houres nixt after the charge, vnder the paine of
rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And sicklike the said stent roll beeing made and sett downe, as saide is, To
charge the Burgesses, in-dwellers, and inhabitants within each burgh, to
make payment of their partes of the said stent, to the saides Prouest and
Bailles, conforme to the taxt roll, to bee giuen out therevpon, within
three dayes nixt after the charge: vnder the paine of rebellion, &c.
And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And if neede beis, that
the saides Prouest, and Baillies poynd and distrenzie, therefore, as they
shall think most expedient.

It is awayes prouyded, that no person whatsoeuer bee stented and
taxt within burgh, except according to the auiale and quantitie of his
rent, liuing, goods, and geare, which hee hath within burgh, no wayes
respecting his lands nor possessions, which hee hath to Landwart: for the
which hee will bee obliht to pay taxation to other Officers, prouyding
awayes that the first tearmes payment of the said taxation bee euer past
before the nixt bee charged for.

Attour the saids Estates decerns and declares, that the charges to
bee giuen for payment of the saide taxation, shall bee execute be-
fore the tearmes of payment aboue specified, for euerie tearmes payment
particularlie by it selfe: and that the denunciation of Horning following
therevpon shall not be execute vntill the tearmes of payment be by-past,
and twentie dayes thereafter: Which denunciation so following vpon the
charges, giuen before the saids tearmes of payment. The said Estates
decerns and declares to bee vailed and sufficient.

Attour, the saids Estates considering the great abuse which hath beeene
vsed in all times by-gone, by sondrie of the Lieges of this Realme against
all good conscience, in causing their poore Fermorares, Tennants, and
labourers of their ground, béeing remoueable, who, are subject in pay-
ment of very deare Fermes: and other dueties to releiue, them of the whole
burden of the by-gone Taxations, which hath beeene the occasion of im-
poverishing of a number of the saides Fermorers, labourers, and Ten-
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nents, and bringing of them to utter wracke and ruine, whereas of reason they shold bee altogether free from the payment of any Taxation, and the same shold bee payed by such as haue free rents, lands, and goods of their owne, For remeade wherof, it is statute and ordained, that no person whatsoeuer exact, or compell his Tenents, or Fermorars, remouable, who pay Ferme, and other deare dueties for the landes occupied by them, to pay any part of this present Taxation, or to sute relief at their hands, of the same, and if the same bee found done by any persons, that they shall bee called, and conuenced, therefore, before his Highnesse Iustice, and his Deputs, or before his Majesties Counsell, as violent and masterfull oppressours of his Highnesse Subjectes, and punished therefore, according to Justice.

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As also, the saids Estates, considering that besides the ordinarie charges, which his Majestie doeth daylie vnder-goe for the maintenance of the Honour Estate and Dignitie of his Highnesse Kingdomes, the extraordinarie burdens which now lyeth vpon his Majestie by the occasion before-written, are so great, and doe so neare concerne euerie loyall and true hearted Subject of this Kingdome, as members of that bodie whereof his Majestie is the Head, that in duetie they thinke themselues bound to beare a part of that burden: and to releue his Majestie thereof.

Therefore, beside the ordinarie Taxation aboue-written: The saides Estates haue for the space of four yeares nixt and immediatlie following the Tyme of Witsunday nixt to come voluntarie and freelie granted vnto his Majestie a yearelie extraordinarie Taxation of the twentie pennie of all Anwelrentes, which any person or persons within this Kingdome, hath freelie due and payable vnto them yearelie or tearmelie their owng anwelrentes, wherein they are adebted to others, being first deduced the first tearmes payment thereof shall bee, and beginne at the said feast and tyme of Witsunday nixt to come: and so foorth yearelie and tearmelie at Merrimes and Witsundaye, vntill the saides four yeares and the eight tearmes payment thereof bee fullie and compleatlie out-runne.

And whereas the saides Estates haue by Act of Parliament authorized all and sundrie heritable Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, and Baillies of Regallities, and their Deputs: And the Prouest and Baillies of Burrowes, who are heritable Shyrreffes within themselues, within the boundes of their jurisdictions: As likewise the Clerkes within the jurisdictions, where these Offices are not heritable, which Clerkes haue their Offices (*ad vitam*) to collect the said extraordinarie Taxation, and make payment therof to the Collector generall, to bee appointed by his Majestie, for receiuing of the same.

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Therefore, and for inbringing of the same extraordinarie Taxation: The saides Estates ordaines letters to bee direct, charging all and sundrie the saides heritable Shyrreffes, Stewartes, Baillies, Baillies of Regalities, and their Deputs and Clerkes, and the saides Prouest and Baillies, who are heritable Shyrreffes within themselues, and their Clerkes. And likewise, the Clerks within the jurisdictions, where these Offices are not heritable, that they and euerie one of them, by North the Riuier of Dee, within the space of fyftine dayes after euerie tyme of Witsunday and Mertimes, and that they and euerie one of them by South the Riuier of Dee, within the space of tenne dayes after euerie tyme of Witsunday and Mertimes,

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deliuier to his Majesties said Collector generall a true and just accompt, and Invintar of thei whole summes of money due to bee payed by any person within the bowndes of their Iurisdiction for his part, of the said extraordinarie Taxation: and that they giue vp the same compt and Invintar vpon their oath solempnitie sworne, that the same is just and true; and make payment vnto his Majesties said Collector generall, or to his Deputs in his name, hauing his power to receive the same of the whole monyes due to bee payed to his Majestic, conforme to the said compt and Invintar, within twentie dayes after each Tearme, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And incase the saides Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, Baillies of Regallities, their Deputs, and Clerkes failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. For whose relief that letters bee directed, charging all and sundrie the saides Anwelrenters, to make payment to the saides Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, Baillies of Regallities, their Deputs and Clerkes, Prouest and Baillies of Burrowes, of the said twentie penny of all Anwelrents freelie due and payable to them, within twentie dayes nixt-after the charge, vnder the paine of rebellion, &c. And if they failzie to denunce and escheat, &c. And if needbeis, that the saids Shyrreffes, Stewarts, Baillies, Baillies of Regallities, Clerkes, Prouest and Baillies of Burrowes, poynd and distriuie, therefore, as they shall thinke most expedient.

And the saides Estates ordaines the Lords of Session to bee onelie Judges to all Suspensions to bee craued and suted by any of our Soueraigne Lords Leiges, touching the saides Taxations, which Suspensions the saides Estates findes, may bee granted vpon lawfull and equitable reasons, to bee considered by them, And discharges all other Judges within this Realme of granting of any Suspensions there-anent, with power to the saides Lordes, to diligate fwe at the least of their ordinary number, as they thinke expedient to sitte cognosce and deside the saids Suspensions in time of vacance, if neede bee.

Per Actum Conventionis.

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